

Grease performance a hit

BY JOHN E. MUSSER
The hard work of the nineteen UB students performing the musical Grease paid off big on 20 April, as a huge crowd gathered to see the show.

Held in the Mertens Theater of the Arnold Bernhard Center, the performance nearly filled the theater, with approximately 700 people in attendance.



Lead Rob Baird shone in the role of Dan and there was plenty of talent in the rest of the cast

Grease is a story about high school, complete with teenagers obsessed with their cars, love, and trying to be cool in general. The coolest of all characters in the story is Dan, played by Senior Rob Baird. Senior Amy Person played the part of Sandy, Dan's summer love and eventual high school sweetheart.

According to Robert Baird, the cast "would like to express our thanks to Student Congress for helping us to come up with the funds." Congress gave about \$950 for the performance, which covered the entire price tag. A bulk of the funds went to paying the person in charge of the technical aspects of the show, including lights and sound. Most of the rest of the money paid for the jackets worn by the "Pink Ladies" and a few props including a papier-mache car, created by Elber Carneiro. The cast members

themselves paid for the rest of the costumes and props, finding some furniture in the basement of the building.

Representatives from People's Bank have expressed interest in contributing to the group's future endeavors.

Much hard work went into practicing for the performance. The Cast started practice during the middle of the fall semester, meeting once a week. This semester the schedule tightened up to two times a week until the three weeks prior to April 20, when the group met

daily, even practicing four to six hours on some days.

Even after all the work, at least several of the performers are interested in participating in future musicals, although they have not categorically decided on what to do.

The group of actors, led by Margaret VanderStok, call themselves "The Cast." This was the first production by The Cast, but will likely not be the last. In fact, the group may be receiving sponsorship to help fund their next production.



The cast deserved the standing ovation the nearly full theater gave them

Rugby club asked to leave

BY GEETHA THAMARATNAM
On Tuesday, April 18, the Connecticut Yankees Athletic Club (CYAC) who operate out of Ingleside Place, "the Rugby House" received notice from the University officials to vacate the premises now that their lease has ended. The bar, frequented by UB students was closed since Tuesday.

Jerry Weber director of Student Counseling, told The Scribe, "I was not aware the Rugby Club had been asked to vacate the premises."

Michael Mulvihille, the coach of the rugby team and a resident of the house with his wife, told The Scribe, "We had to shut down the bar because we were told to leave the house because the University wanted us out." He said, "we want to stay, there are students in the house, and obviously it is their home also."

Mr. Mulvihille said "We were under the impression that we had an option to extend the lease, but it was the option of the University to terminate the lease."

There is also a lacrosse team associated with CYAC, and like the rugby team, usually entertain the visitors after a game at the House, and that "will be affected," said Mr. Mulvihille. He said that "students came in usually on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. "As far as I know, there has not been any trouble at all as regards to fights" he



The Rugby House serves as a residence, a clubhouse, and a bar

said. Mr. Webber confirmed that in his two years here, he has not heard of any trouble stemming from the bar, except for one incident in the fall of 1998.

There are eight people living in the house now, including four students graduate and undergraduate. Mr. Mulvihille speculated that one reason they may have been asked to leave now that their contract has ended is "so as not to have any loud parties next to the president's house."

The president is apparently moving to Waldemere Hall, in the vicinity of the Rugby house in the next few weeks.

Mr. George Mihalakos, the University attorney, was unavailable for comment.

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President to move to Waldemere

BY GEETHA THAMARATNAM

Jim Mooney, director of Campus Security confirmed that "President Neil Salonen and his wife will be taking up residence into Waldemere Hall." They are expected to move in sometime in the next few weeks. The Hall has been used for official functions in the past and to host receptions for visiting dignitaries.

Andy O'Leary, the director of Physical Plant, told The Scribe "there is renovation going on now." He said, "I believe there was some carpeting put in, probably a new alarm system, and a laundry room."

The Maintenance department is not involved in the renovation as "an outside contractor is handling the renovation," said Mr. O'Leary. Apparently, the President requested the move himself and it is not a result of new administrative policies or budget cutbacks.

Mr. Mooney said that the last president in residence was Janet Greenwood, about 10 years ago.

The house is on the edge of the campus and there is a wall separating the home from Seaside Park. When asked how dangerous this is given

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The Kashmir situation was close to the hearts of many of the panel members who had personal knowledge of it

Columns

Web-Review

No porno, another type of hosting

Well, it took me quite a bit of time to find a subject for this article. It seems that every time I had asked friends online what web sites they liked best, they all would decide to reply with a hoard of pornographic oriented sites to review.

After going through this ordeal for a certain amount of time, I settled on HostSave.Com. HostSave.Com is what is known as a web hosting service.

For all you non-computer inclined individuals, a web hosting service provides (with a fee) hard drive space on their servers for customers, so that they can put up their web pages, while not having to worry about maintaining a server as well.

Web hosting services usually offer such services as initial hosting, several email accounts, a personal CGI directory (CGI is a scripting language which lets you do all kinds of interesting and powerful things on your web page, which is run on the web hosting service's servers when a person views your web page).

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There are many more features listed, but these are the major ones. I'd definitely recommend checking this service out, it seems like a really good deal to me. The first month is free! Hey, can't beat that.

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Tracking Technology Trends

The initially hidden hassles of shopping online

I shop online a lot. The mail clerk in Bodine, Carmen, knows me for getting packages frequently. The only reason I shop online is because of the ridiculous prices you can take advantage of if you know the right places to look. I've bought from a whole number of dot-coms and it's not always as convenient as the web first promised to be.

Take valueamerica.com. This website is a fine example of bad service. They offer good prices since they don't have their own warehouses. Instead, your orders come directly from the manufacturer. However, the cost of inconvenience and room for lost orders is huge. Your order will arrive on time if it is in stock. Try a back-ordered item instead. Try canceling an order once you have placed it. Try changing your shipping address and watch your packages reach your old address.

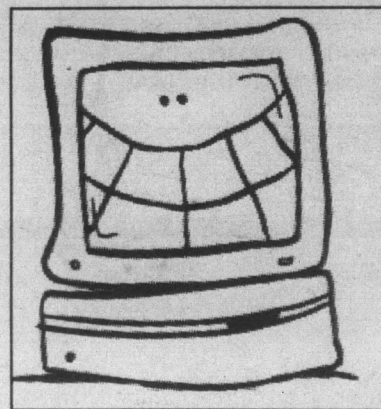
On the other hand, fatbrain.com has excellent service. Even though it's just another website that sells books, its

level of service easily surpasses that of amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. They will ship your order out the same day; they will upgrade your shipping options at no extra charge; canceling an order is easy and returns are no big deal.

Did I mention never to buy anything from shop.theglobe.com? No matter how good their prices or how flashy their website, they suck! Yes, they do. A year after I made a purchase, I am still stuck with two (not one) pieces of the wrong item (not what I ordered) for

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If you're looking to get a few bucks off your order, check out "http://www.deal-finder.com" www.deal-finder.com. They list numerous coupons and discount codes which can save you a lot of money. I have often bought stuff online that cost me only a couple of bucks for shipping. Lastly, a few words of wisdom — use sunscreen.



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the proximity of the park, Mr. Mooney said, "It should have little impact on Campus Security other than that the President of the University lives there."

Apparently, there have been no serious crimes there in the recent past.

"We had a number of single people living there. At one time, we had five or six staff members in residence" said Mr. Mooney, and this has never caused or resulted in any problems.

Career corner

This article will discuss negotiating compensation and conclude the column on employment related issues.

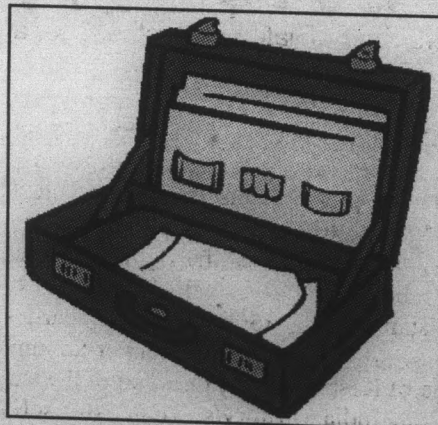
Try to avoid discussing your compensation during the earlier stages of the interview. Such discussion might put you into a really difficult situation. If you are asked to name a concrete dollar figure which you wish to make each year, you might be tempted to lower the figure so as not to alarm the interviewer. On the other hand, you do not wish to name a figure that is very low, because you want to receive good pay for the work you do.

One way to do this uncomfortable situation is to answer "I am sure that your company treats its employees fairly. As long as I am paid a fair market value for my services, I will be content with the compensation."

Once you have been officially offered the position, it is a good time to start negotiating your pay. Sometimes silence is the best way to negotiate. Suppose that your interviewer just offered you \$35,000 per year. Pause for about a minute. It is hard to keep the silence, and chances are that the interviewer would break down and raise the figure.

In requesting higher salaries, it is important to explain why you deserve

better pay. List your experience and accomplishments to demonstrate that you are highly competent and deserve a higher dollar figure. Imagine you are an attorney in court and that the human resource representative is a judge. State your case, support it with valid



arguments, and chances are you would get the pay that you are looking for.

Sometimes companies, especially bigger ones, have fixed amounts for compensation for a particular position. In that case, ask for fringe benefits. If the company would not agree to pay you a higher salary, perhaps it would pay for your graduate school, or provide you with stock options. Remember, it does not hurt to ask!

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Punjab, and Tamil Nadu.

The conflict, in the last decade, has taken the lives of more than fifty thousand people, and turned Kashmir into a site of civilian massacres and summary executions. As Kashif Saleem, a student from Kashmir, commented: "Torture and death have become daily life in Kashmir."

As professor Van der Kroef noted in his lead-in presentation on the issue, confidence-building measures on a public level have already proved to be a success in North Korea, and they could be equally successful in Kashmir and any other human conflict. Professor Healey, who spoke afterwards about the cultural and social implications of the issue, further stressed that the core of the problem is cultural and a dialogue on a socio-humanitarian level should be pursued.

The delegates of India accepted UN intervention in Kashmir as part of a possible solution which differed from the official course of the Indian government, which rejects any outside intervention into "an internal affair."

"I personally think that the Indian students stole the show not on Kashmir, but on basic human relationships. They made the first step in confidence building, which is to look beyond politics and adopt a more universal, humanitarian stand," said Fasih Bokhari, a Pakistani student at UB.

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UFO sightings in Connecticut



A sighting in Harwinton, CT in July, 1995 at 2:45PM

something unusual being seen, finding out about these occurrences, and investigating it for credibility. This helps to contribute to the improvement of UFO investigation and analysis of the sightings.

Mr. Cashman said that unlike the generally held belief that witnesses that are suspected of being psychologically unstable mostly sight UFOs,

the truth is that police, aviation and military personnel and scientists have reported many of these sightings. Some of these observations have also been made with the aid of instruments, like radars.

Thousands of cases have been catalogued, but factors like the presence of a pattern, structural features of the object, special physical effects that require explaining and sequence in behavior of the unidentified object make a case important.

The first case that Mr. Cashman talked about took place at a U.S. Air Force (USAF) base in Selma, Alabama on the 29th of October, 1957 at 10:30

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BY VANESSA TRINIDAD
On April 13, 2000 the Social Cerebral Club of the University of Bridgeport in America (SCUBA) organized a talk by Mark Cashman on UFO sightings in Connecticut. Mr. Cashman is State Director of Mutual UFO Network Of CT. He is also a field investigator involved in verifying the validity behind UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sightings of humanoid and non-humanoid objects that are reported around the world.

Mr. Cashman talked about recent sightings in Connecticut, which he himself has investigated using qualitative and quantitative data.

He said field investigation involved three steps: researching for reports of

Kashmir debate promotes India-Pakistan relations

BY MAYA ATANASSOVA
On Tuesday, April 18, Indian and Pakistani student representatives met to discuss the conflict in Kashmir — the disputed South Asian territory, which both countries have claimed. What politicians have not done in the last fifty years was achieved by students at the University of Bridgeport. For the first time the two sides met vis-à-vis to communicate and discuss mutually acceptable solutions. The two countries were represented by three-member teams, who presented in turns the major viewpoints of the countries on the issue. Puneet Batra, Gaurav Bhatia, and Jishnu Guhathakurta represented the Indian team, while Faisal Sheikh, Ali Tirmizi, Kashif Saleem spoke for Pakistan.

The Indian side argued that politically and morally Kashmir belongs to India, while



The panel members congratulated each other after a tense discussion

Pakistan said that it was natural for the people in Kashmir who are predominantly Muslim to identify with Pakistan.

Conflict between India and Pakistan started when in 1947 the Hindu maharaja of Kashmir chose to join India, while Pakistan claimed the territory because most Kashmiris were Muslim. India thereupon dispatched troops to Kashmir and forced the Pakistanis to yield ground.

In 1949 the United Nations tried to mediate the conflict and succeeded in establishing a cease-fire agreement. Subsequently, it has tried

to secure troop withdrawals and develop a plebiscitary plan - vote in which population exercises the right of national self-determination. However, both parties have had major dissent on the question of the territory's right of self-determination and independence. Though the Pakistani government has generally supported the proposal for plebiscite, India has strongly opposed it, fearing it would spark latent separatist movements in other Indian states like: Assam,

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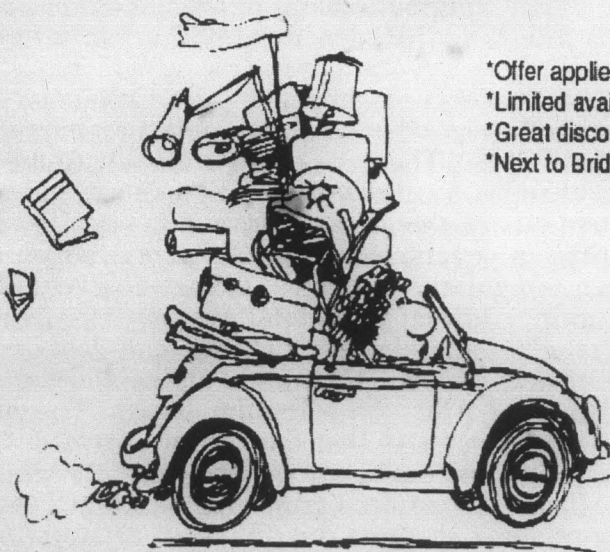
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Int'l Festival participation lessens

On the 15th of April the 24th International Festival was held at the Wheeler Recreation Center at the University of Bridgeport. Not only students and professors from UB attended the event, but also people from neighboring towns—Fairfield, Westport, Norwalk. The unique spirit of the festival attracted many graduates of UB who came just for the event. There is something very characteristic of UB in the event that has no parallel in any other university in CT.

International students from 60 countries constitute more than 40% of the student body at UB. The students organized represented their countries by performing folk dances, preparing dishes from their national cuisines or decorating their booths in a distinct way. Despite this great ethnic diversity, only sixteen countries participated in the entertainment program and there were booths from twenty-six different countries. The freshmen were definitely impressed, but seniors were reserved, even a little disappointed. "Japan, Nepal and India again got all the prizes," were some opinions expressed after the event.

Unquestionably the Japanese students did a great job in decorating the booth, but this year the Korean booth surpassed all others in scale and creativity. The American diner and the Russian towers represented very well the true spirit of their cul-

tures. All booths ran out of food in less than two hours.

Whether the Japanese performance was breathtaking. They managed to combine dance, theatre and the fine arts in a tale of a weak temporal doorway at the turn of the millennium.

The traditional green costumes of the Indian performers attracted the attention of the spectators. The Indian rehearsals in Bodine Hall during the week before the event gave results. India and Japan shared the first place in the entertainment program and Nepal was third. Although the Taiwanese group was not among the winners, their "Story of Mulan" was interesting, well synchronized and very well represented their cultural identity.

The stage was too small for the performance of the Aerobics club. The Bulgarian group and some others were also dissatisfied with the proportions of the stage. The raffle prolonged the event and slowed the pace, which resulted in lessening the enthusiasm of the audience. Many were bored by the endless raffle and left earlier, not waiting for the final decision of the judges in the different categories in which the countries competed.

Due to its international character, the event was the most interesting celebration throughout the academic year.

State of The Campus Address

The overarching theme for Student Congress this year was to raise issues that were relevant, resolvable and would bring about observable results. Too often, in Congresses past, the intentions have been good, but the issues unchangeable. It was the goal of this Congress to tackle concerns that students would be directly affected by. This pragmatic nature led the Congress to achievements that affected all students and will affect future students.

The Congress, in the form of either the joint Congress, or the House of Representatives and the Student Senate, met every week to raise and discuss issues. These meetings were where the Congress effected its changes for the welfare of students, and did so with the best intentions of the students in mind.

For the first time in several years, the Congress began sponsoring social events regularly through the Special Events Committee. The committee hosted traditional events - Homecoming Dance, Winter Prelude, and Valentine's Dance; and ventured into the organization of new events - the movie nights and the opening of the UB Bowling Alley on a regular basis. The unique fact about all of these events is that they were operated admission-free, which led to increased attendance, and consequently better events. All of this resulted from the fact that Congress recognized undergraduate students pay the Student Activity Fee that pays for these events, and students should not have to pay again to attend these events.

Following the lead of the Special Events Committee, the Financial Committee attempted to work with student organizations to insure that undergraduate students could attend events free, or at least at a discounted rate. There is no dispute from the Congress that all these free events put a strain on the budget, but certainly, the benefits of an increased social life outweighed that cost.

The Executive Board responded to this budget strain by working with the Administration and the Board of Trustees to implement a new budget system that will reflect the student growth at the University. The result of these discussions was that Congress will have almost 50% more money to allocate to student

organizations next year. Almost inevitably, this will lead to an increased social life.

On the academic front, the Student Senate worked on academic assessment and academic dishonesty. Academic assessment concerns the effectiveness of mid-semester course evaluations, and academic dishonesty concerns cheating and plagiarism on-campus. Both of these are at the forefront of educational concerns to faculty and students, and it was Congress that took the initiative to investigate and propose solutions to these pressing issues.

College students usually display a willingness and readiness for community service, and the Congress was at the forefront of the effort to get UB students involved with the Community Service Committee. The committee participated in the Red Cross Blood Drives, and ran several successful food and clothing drives.

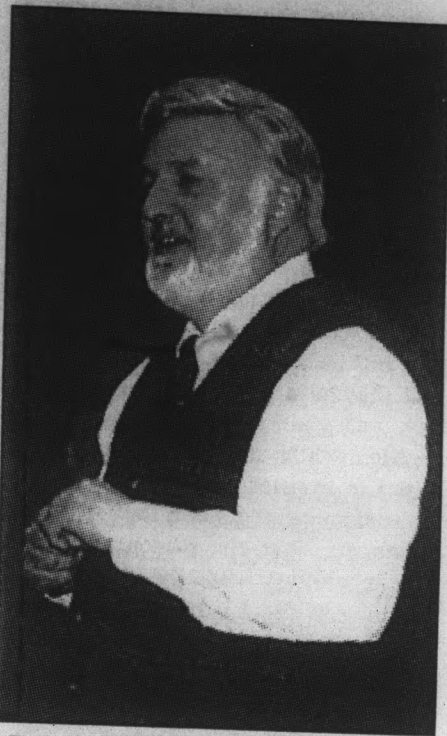
With the appointment of a Chief Technical Officer and several revisions of the Congress constitution, bureaucracy in the organization of social and academic events was eliminated; student organizations should now have an easier time receiving funding and equipment from the Congress.

All of the aforementioned achievements reflect the dedication and devotion of each member of the 1999-2000 Student Congress. Each member of this excellent group worked hard for the benefit of all students and it was an honor and privilege to work with each one of them. In electing these officers, the students of the University voted wisely.

On behalf of the Student Congress, I offer thanks to all the faculty and administration that made this Congress' tenure successful. I also wish the Student Congress of 2000-2001 the best for success during their period in office. Most importantly, I thank the entire student body for affording us the chance to represent them this year.

Lucas Mc Cloud
President, Student Congress

Doc Rock in the Caribbean



Doc Roc showed mineral samples from the Dominican Republic

On April 14, 2000, students, faculty, the Phoenix Academy and the Bridgeport community were all treated to Dr. Nicholas', best known as 'Doc Roc,' presentation on sights from the Dominican Republic. His presentation included slides and geological samples that he had collected from there.

The Dominican Republic is a land of firsts and contrasts. It is a land of economic contrasts - some of the richest and the poorest people in the Caribbean live there. The economy depends heavily on tourism and the production of sugar. This is also the only place in the world where the Larimar stone is found. It is a blue or blue-green stone that is one of the rarest stones in the world.

The Dominican Republic has the highest mountains of the Caribbean, as well. They are 3100 meters high and are called by some the "Caribbean Andes." The Dominican Republic also has the lowest lake at 130 feet below sea level. Twenty percent of the Republic is flat land and the rest of it is mountainous.

The Dominican Republic is also the land of many firsts in the new world. It has had the first university in the New World, the first city and the first road in there and many more.

Doc Roc also mentioned that the Dominican Republic has fault lines in the north and has about two and a half million people in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic. He also mentioned that they have a lot of amber, the quality of which is identical to the one in 'Jurassic Park. Though Doc Roc is not a golfer himself, he mentioned that the republic has some of the best golf courses in the Caribbean. La Casa de Campo, he said, is one of the best golfing sites.

Overall, the Dominican Republic is a land that will cater to tourists, allow you to see many world wonders, experience the land, and play baseball in the country of Sammy Sosa.

Doc Roc is an avid traveler and he usually shares his experiences with the campus community.

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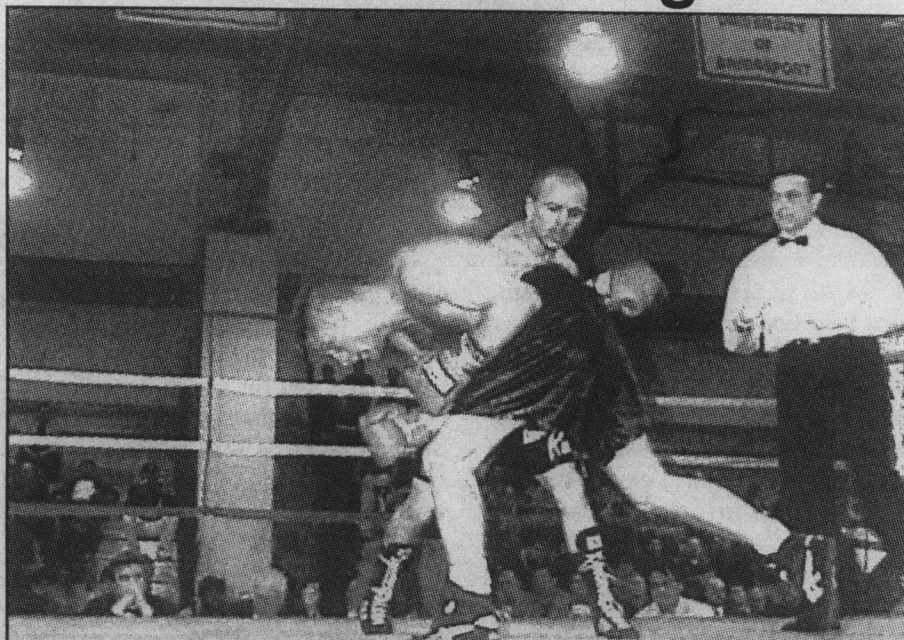
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Professional Boxing at UB



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"Tiger" Ted Lowry was a professional boxer himself, and was the only boxer to go ten rounds with Rocky Marciano twice.

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Opinions-Editorials

"Pure love" - no sex

On Monday, April 17 the Pure Love Alliance (PLA) held a discussion about orgasms, sex, and marriage. The PLA held this discussion to air the views that premarital sex and extramarital sex do not constitute "pure love" in a relationship.

The discussion started with the showing of a tape of PLA's activities last year. The discussion became heated regarding sex before marriage. The PLA believes that sex before marriage is wrong and that strong Christian belief is the way to insure that not only will one stay pure, but that the children will benefit from this and that a two-parent household is very important.

There were a few more people against sex before marriage than were for it in the group. The discussion did give a chance for everyone to hear other viewpoints on the topic of premarital sex as well as at least making people think about their own views. Some of the participants said that a one parent household and/or that having pre-marital sex is not at all bad, but is the next step of a relationship.

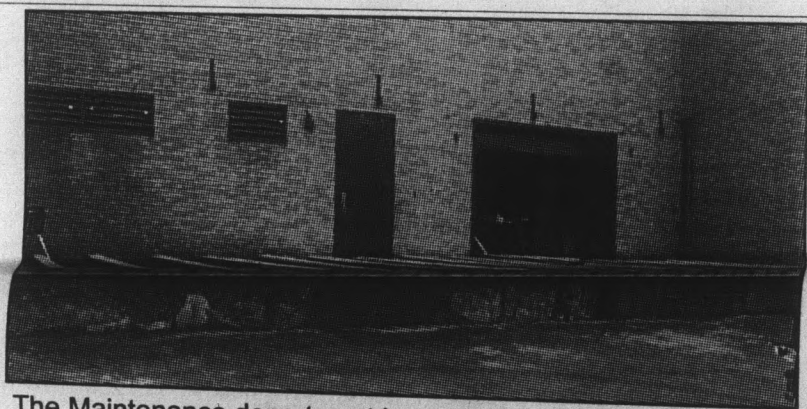
The participants went back and

forth on this issue. Some had statistics to back up the fact that pre-marital sex leads to the downfall of the home for both children and the parents. However, there were those who believed that it is not the two parents living in a home but the fact that they always love each other and their children.

Some PLA members also mentioned that prior to the free love movement of the 1960's, America held a stronger position in family values and that children were better off. They then said that after the free love movement, America's values of family and children declined and so did the condition of these children.

The discussion started by focusing on sex, whether it was right to have it before marriage or not. The discussion ended with the question of what right someone had to judge what "pure love" is when it is a term that still has to be defined.

The general agreement eventually was that the idea of "pure love" is subjective, and one would hope that there is no one narrow minded enough to force their views and choices on others.



The Maintenance department have started to build the stage for the outdoor graduation ceremony on May 14

Tell us why

Ok, they've finally done it. The Administration seems to have succeeded in getting the Rugby House closed down. Why is that? It can't be for the betterment of student life. Seriously, who really wants it to close?

Most students love the Rugby House, and the few who don't, really could care less. And if they were worried about us poor students being led astray by the demon liquor, even the most self-deluded person should know that any student, any age, can get liquor anytime he or she wants, both on and off campus. Closing the Rugby House won't change this.

It could be a maneuver on the school's part. Lease out the building, wait for them to put a lot of work into it, and then yank it out from under them. It's better than actually spending the money we can't seem to locate for the purpose of fixing anything.

It does not make sense. If the school is looking to consolidate and try and earn revenue from renting/ selling out the other half of the campus, why won't they accept the Rugby Club's money? The recycled UB students' beer money, we mean. Is it dirty or something?

We might assume that the school

wants to shut down the bar because of the bad influences that it has on the students. As far as we are concerned, as long as you are over the legal drinking age, whatever the case may be, as adults, we have to learn to be responsible otherwise forced responsibility will have short-lived effects.

This problem of the Rugby House closing brings to the fore another problem here at UB. That of communication breakdown. Someone/ some people in Administration makes a decision, and something happens.

We, as students, are left wondering what it is that transpired as we look at an end-result. Hardly are we suggesting that the school issue a press release stating what has happened or why, but let us know in some way that the Rugby House has been closed because of such a reason. We presume you would let us know, either by a general letter or through flyers if T-Maria were to shut down.

Until we know what happened, we can only assume, and someone has to be the bad person. Give us information and then we will not be able to blame Administration, Faculty, the moon, the stars, the garbage disposal, or the stray cat outside Barnum.

Bursar yet to send out bills

This semester, the Bursar's office has not sent out bills to UB students for whatever balance might be on their accounts. Usually, they send out statements during the first month of every semester. The failure to do so is because of the conversion between the two different computer systems that the university underwent early on in the semester. This is the same system that caused the hours-long lines that students had to wait in to register their meal plans the first week in the semester, and has been in place since then.

This oversight has caused problems with many students who try to register, only to find that they have a balance and cannot. An anonymous source, a student at UB, told of her troubles with the Bursar. "It's not my fault that I didn't receive a bill, and now, I can't register."

She went on to further say that she had paid her balance in full in the beginning of the semester, and did not

believe that she owed any money at all. She believes that the balance might be due to a glitch in the system. "My mom won't pay until she sees a bill," she said.

This student wanted to see a statement, like the ones they usually send out, so that she could see what the Bursar says she did and did not pay to compare it with her own records. She said, "I went to the bursar to get a print-out, but he said that he was too busy, and that he'd give it to me Wednesday."

Meanwhile, all students were supposed to register by Friday, April 21. No student can register if they still have a balance. And the students have no way to contest what the school says they owe without a bill, or statement, for the semester.

John Polascik, the Bursar, had no comment on the record regarding the situation.

Election Debate

On Monday, April 23, 2000, the election debate for the 2000/2001 positions in Student Congress was held at the Student Center. There were candidates running for fourteen positions in the Congress. Only four of them were a tie between two people - the sophomore class president, the senior class president, the vice-president and the president positions.

The deadline for the submission of petitions has been extended since there were no candidates running for the position of president and many other positions. Lucas McCloud, the current President of Congress, opened the election debate, announcing the names of the candidates and opening the floor to them for short addresses. Ten out of the eighteen candidates spoke at the debate in front of a small audience of UB students.

Egiko Hiraide ran against Kristin Schumann for the vice president position. Egiko said that as an American Japanese, she feels that the combination of her Asian background and Western upbringing, could help her a lot in understanding and co-operating with the diverse student body at the University. Her main focus, if elected, would be focusing on the academics, closer ties to professors, more student-faculty interaction and anything else that she would be asked to do. She pointed specifically to the issue of new courses that students are willing to take, but for which they need to request and petition faculty and administration body, as well as the proposal for an open box, and more student surveys.

Kristin Schumann, a current sophomore and an International Business major said that if elected she was going to focus on the main role of the vice-president, which is to represent the university body. She said that with her background experience with student organizations and knowledge of the board of trustees and the administration, she could make that representa-

tion more efficient. Evaluations, core classes and academic dishonesty are the issues that she thinks deserve the greatest priority. She also stated that her two-year experience in Student Congress has taught her "discussions are the only way for things to get done."

Keiha Kobayashi and Jee-eun Lee ran against each other for the presidents position.

Keiha Kobayashi, a junior, majoring in Music Education, said her motto was "Be proud in the University." Keiha has been this year's senator of the School of Art and Science. She said that UB students need a lot of public awareness and school pride, and that we should all realize our priorities socially and academically. On a question from the audience about the issue that she was most willing to change in UB, Keiha said she wanted to see more public awareness.

Her opponent, Jee-eun Lee, a sophomore and a current President of the Sophomore Class pointed that Student Congress existed because students existed and its primary purpose was to reflect the whole student body. She said that her experience has taught her that was not easy and further commented on the main topics that she would like to focus on as a president. Jee-eun suggested that Student Congress needed a newsletter of its own, instead of just a box in "The Scribe."

She pointed out that Congress had to better reflect the student body through surveys, referendums and other feedback information. The candidate said she believed the president's role was to bring these issues to the Congress, even if he or she was not deciding on them. Despite everything, Congress had done a lot of positive changes in club procedures and eliminating bureaucracy. Last but not least, she pointed out, it was important to no longer hear the question "what is the student Congress doing?"

UB-One of the Top Schools in the US...!

Believe it or not, UB is listed among the top colleges in the United States. Does this raise your eyebrows? Well, it should. However, if reading the title filled your heart with pride, you have just fallen in one of the classic traps of journalism and politics.

The University of Bridgeport actually made it to the top of one of the lists, but probably not one you would expect. It is among the schools in the US that offer the highest amount of financial aid per student. According to The Princeton Review, the average freshman grant at UB is \$12,794. It also states that 44% of the undergraduates here receive financial aid.

I am sure these figures are no surprise to anyone. We are all familiar with the omnipresent \$10,000 scholarship. How many students do you know who are not on it?

What nobody will ever tell you, is that moving off-campus reduces your academic achievement. Does this make sense? According to the administration, yes. Your highly deserved scholarship, which was awarded because you are such an excellent student, is automatically reduced by \$3,400 if you move off-campus and do not have a "19 meals per week" meal-plan.

Reality check: Look around yourself and try to figure out how tuition and fees at this college could ever reach \$14,641. In doing so, take a walk through the UB labs, and look at the equipment there, all paid for from your tuition. Afterwards, visit the residence halls, and try to account for the \$3,7802 you are officially charged for your double room. (You might want to shop around in Fairfield and Bridgeport and see what kind of housing you can rent for the same \$470 per month...). Chances are you are reading this article in the Marina dining hall. I will not comment on the \$3,1902 you are paying here. I am sure you have been to one of the local diners at least once

and know what kind of meal you can buy for \$7.50.

The truth is, there is no way this university could ever cost the \$21,5002 you are officially charged. My estimate is somewhere around \$11,000. However, telling prospective students that they can attend a \$21,500 college and receive a \$10,000 scholarship makes UB seem like an awesome school that you will be most lucky to go to.

There are other reasons why this university is great. We have excellent students! The Computer Science department in particular seems to be highly acclaimed. A friend has recently pointed out to me, with great pride, that our team made first place in the regional Association for Computing Machinery 1999 programming contest, and 7th place in the national contest. Don't worry though; other organizations in this country also acknowledge that UB is a college that deserves a lot of respect. A friend of mine who attends this school has been recently denied an American Express Credit Card for Students application for the reasons like: Historical credit performance of students who have attended your school. Percentage of students at your school that do not return after their freshman year. Percentage of students at your school that are graduate students

Next time you apply for a card, job, loan, or anything else that will make people check your background, make sure you don't mention UB as your college. In the mean time, enjoy your stay at the University of Bridgeport, a "challenging and rewarding experience," knowing that you attend one of the top schools in the US.

Alex Stuart
UB Graduate

Scribe Editor no more

I quit. No, really, I do. I am pleased to announce that John Musser was elected by The Scribe staff on Thursday, April 13th to replace me as Editor-in-Chief of The Scribe.

I would like to thank a number of people who have made my job that much easier in the past year and a half as the Editor-in-Chief, and the last three years as a writer.

Mr. Jim Mooney and the Campus Security staff have been most helpful. As I have talked to other news staff from campuses across the nation, they all have one complaint that I do not have - that their campus security is uncooperative and unfriendly. Thank you for your straightforward manner and that transparency has helped us do our jobs as reporters.

Janet Merritt has proved invaluable through our trials of trying to get adequate equipment in here. She heard us out on Wednesday mornings when we had been up all night working on the paper only to lose near complete issues three times due to the rotten equipment.

I have to make special mention of David Oestreicher, director of Residential Life extraordinaire, much disliked person on campus, and a jolly good fellow who maintains a sense of humor with us as we cover how bad residential life can get with no toilet paper in the loos, and how he played a major part in the creation of the new and improved "Baby O II." David, thanks for allowing us the freedom of poking so much fun of you in The Scribble. Not that you had much of a

choice. Expect more of it.

The IT department have all grown to loathe our machines as we do. Now we call, and they pretend they are not home. Heather and Vinny, we don't blame you, we'd probably do the same! Thanks ever so much for getting our new printer to us on time. We'd invite you for a drink, but the Rugby bar has closed.

My wonderful staff... Ned and Zory, my lay-out geniuses. I ask, you do. Thank you for putting in a sleepless night every two weeks, and then staying awake through work and classes the next day. Trinity, my Sports Goddess... Thank you, Thank you,

"I quit!"

-Geetha Tharmaratnam
Editor-in-Chief
The Scribe

Thank you.

Andrea thank you, your work has made all our lives easier. Maya, you are the new Tuesday all-nighter among us. You will adjust, and in time the nasty couch in the office will start to look welcoming. Where would we all be without the writers and photographers? Vanessa, Annie, Bei, Puneet, Christian, Rob, Koji, Michael, and Kate - thanks for the news. You all have got the idea of multitasking down to an art.

Ms. Ray, you help when you need not. Thank you!

Professor Steve Healey is proving to be the best decision The Scribe has made in a long time. The fact that he is still our advisor is testament to his stamina and sense of humor.

I am certain as I retire that John is more than qualified to continue what I hope has been a trend of improvement in the history of The Scribe, generation II.

Geetha Tharmaratnam
Editor-in-Chief

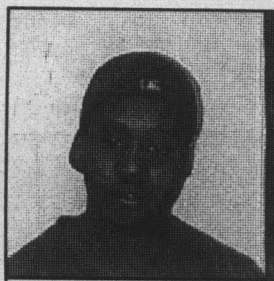
SPORTS On The Spot

Do you think the school should shut down the Rugby bar?



hang out so I think it should stay open.

Gigi D.



place to hang out and let loose.

Stevie O.



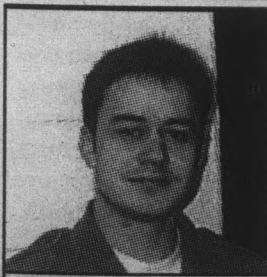
have fun and not worry about drinking and driving.

Schinae Wilson



I am 21 going on 22 and I personally don't care if it is open or not.

Doris Asiedu-Sarkodie



characteristic way they have accustomed us to.

Bogdan Stamon



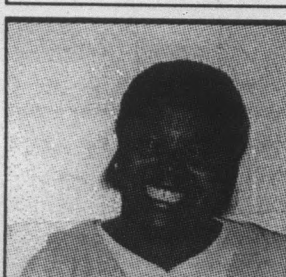
No, because then Jason Rochelle would have a ... stroke.

Adelino Barata



No, it's a great place for students to get together and enjoy themselves.

Annabelle Santos



No, I think that it is an establishment that is a necessary evil.

Mariel Matthews

Drinking 101

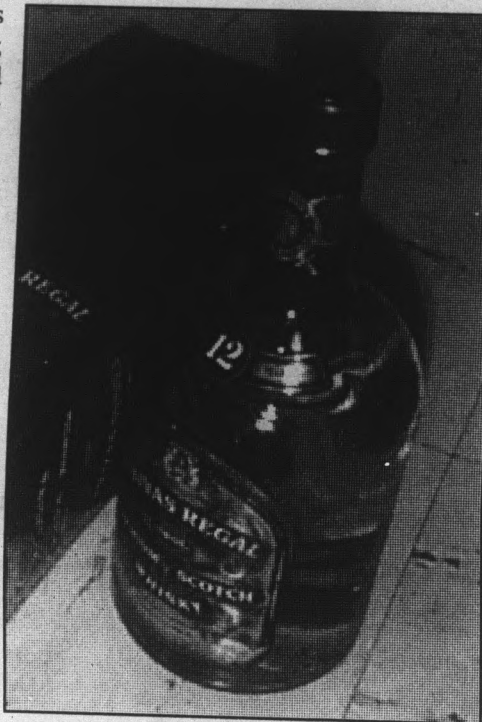
BY ARMAN GEVORGYAN

What better reason to celebrate than the end of the school year? In order to help you celebrate, I put together some choices in beer, vodka, and tequila that might be of use to you.

Those of you who do not wish to pay premium for imported beers should try George Killian's Irish Red. This Colorado beer is one of the best tasting American beers and is priced around \$12-13 for a twelve-pack. If you insist on imported beer, Heineken and Corona are obvious choices among lagers; however, should you wish to try something different, go for St. Pauli's Girl and Spaten's.

If you like dark beer, I highly recommend "Beck's Dark." Produced by Beck's, a manufacturer who is well known for its lager, this dark beer has an extensive bouquet and is priced around \$7 for a six-pack.

Another great dark beer is Mackeson, which is made in the United Kingdom. This beer is very dense and heavy, with a sweetish chocolate-like taste. If you are new to dark beer, I would not recommend Mackeson, as you need to have an acquired taste to truly enjoy it. Mackeson costs approximately \$9 for a six-pack.



Should you prefer to drink vodka, let me advise you to avoid low-priced brands such as Romanoff, Bukoff, and Majorska. These vodkas are not very well distilled and have traces of ketones and alcohols (other than ethanol). Because of that, they are bitter to taste and will give you a considerable headache the next morning.

Smirnoff is popular among vodkas because of its quality and relatively low price. The original Smirnoff can be bought for \$13-15 per liter; Smirnoff

Citrus Twist (with extract of lemon) is somewhat lower-priced. If you appreciate flavored vodkas, try Finlandia Cranberry or Pineapple. Also, do not forget about Absolut, excellent Swedish vodka known for its original ads; it is priced at \$18-\$20 per liter.

If you are into tequilas, there are two that I can recommend: Jose Cuervo and Sauza. Jose Cuervo probably has a better taste;

however, Sauza holds the edge in pricing - a 750 ml bottle costs about \$13. If you have a reduced sense of grossness, also try mezcal - the infamous tequila with a worm in the bottle.

One last piece of advice: whatever you drink, drink it responsibly. Do not drink and drive.

What is this?

This week, I'm going off on a tangent. I've talked and talked about the idiosyncrasies and oxymorons (no one take it personally) of UB. It's time to look at universal truths.

Did you know that it's a normal occurrence for people to wake up their friends from a state of drunken unconsciousness to offer them a beer. I'm going to leave that one alone.

The claim exists that homosexuality is a genetic trait. While I will neither confirm nor deny this as a fact, I really would like to know how they're passing it along.

How come hemorrhoids are called what they are? Shouldn't they be asteroids?

Ok science majors- if you eat pasta and anti-pasta, are you still hungry?

If pro is the opposite of con, what's the opposite of progress? (And have you seen how many are running uncontested? - it's soooooo sad...)

Did you know that there is actually a law on the Connecticut State books that mandates restaurants must have

separate nose-blowing and non-nose-blowing sections? (I couldn't make something like this up)

And finally, one story that, while not necessarily true itself, reflects a basic idea of college.

A young pretty female student walks into her professor's office wearing a very revealing outfit. She closes the door, and sits across from him.

She leans forward and says, provocatively, "Professor, I would do anything to pass this class."

He leans forward, "Anything?"

"Yes," she says, "any-

thing."

He walks around the desk and says again, "Anything?"

Again she replies, "Anything." He leans down next to her ear and whispers, "Would you...study?"

(How many of you wouldn't?)

Study?
But,
Why?

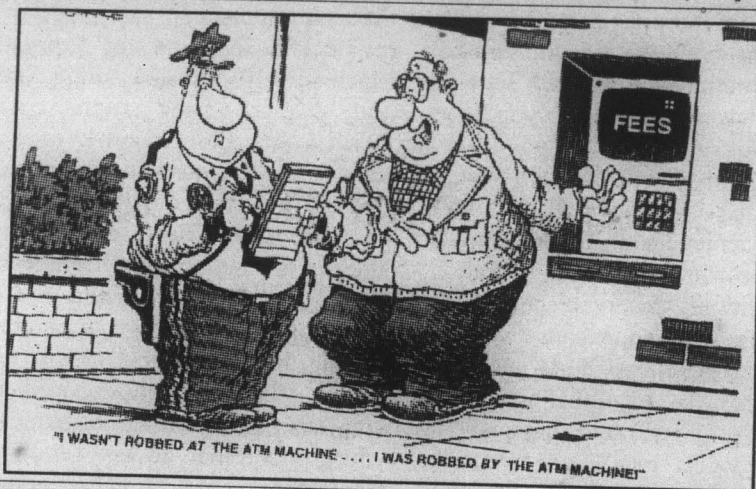
Fight in Bruel

Last Friday there was an all out brawl in Bruel. Professor Edward Geist went into a manic rage against Professor Timothy Eves over the last packet of Strawberry-Kiwi Tea in the coffee room. After a long verbal battle consisting of questioning of each other's parentage, and what they could and couldn't do with the remaining cruller, the argument came to blows. During the battle, Professor Sharon Skeeter was hit in the head with a flying Twinkie, and is currently in the hospital with a concussion. When asked how she feels, she told us,

"Fine," but immediately reverted to a more helpless state when a cute intern walked in.

The only other casualty was a passing squirrel, whom Eves landed on when Geist sent him flying through both sets of glass doors in the front of the building, shattering them. Eves was rushed to the hospital, where he is still hoping to be transferred to the maternity ward to find some "Chicks who definitely put out."

Geist was hauled away to jail in cuffs. His last words before the swat team pushed him into the truck were, "I just wanted a bloody cup of tea!"



Cultural ignorance



I can no longer keep silent. For the benefit of my fellow countrymen, I have to tell the world how ignorant and stupid they are. That's right, we've hit everyone else, it's time for American-bashing. As I said before, I am American, and can say the following without prejudice. We are clueless. I talk with my international friends who speak six languages, and I shudder at the stories I hear. These are actual quotes from Americans about various countries.

"Sri Lanka, that's somewhere in Russia, right?"

"Don't you guys still live in caves?"

"Do you guys have TV back home?"

"Do you wear grass skirts at home?"

The list goes on, but I think that is enough. I wish you could see my face as I write this. Unlike most scribble articles, there is a real problem behind this. How a person can get to be eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and go to university level education, and still

be so ignorant is beyond me. This doesn't happen in other countries, not to this degree. I have never had an international student ask me something like, "So, Americans lose their virginity at around age ten, right?" or "So, how many types of drugs do you sell?" It just doesn't happen.

What's wrong with people who actually think that Africa is a country, but can rattle off the name of every player in every position in every World Series game for the last twenty years?

If you're American and this offends you, then it means that the above brands of idiocy probably apply to you, so do something about it. If they don't (and there are a couple of us), then you have to be a frustrated as me, and know what I'm talking about. I cringe when people explain the most basic of ideas to me because I'm American, mostly because I know a lot of people who would actually need such an explanation.

That's it, I'm leaving the country. I'm sure as hell not raising my kids here!

Bubble theater hosts digital art show

By Vanessa Trinidad
The Integrated Arts Department at the University of Bridgeport is currently hosting the Digital Smart Art Exhibition at the Austin W. Mather Theatre, also known as "The Bubble," because of its elliptical shape. The exhibition opened on April 13, 2000, and will run through May 13, 2000. Part of the show is also displayed at the University Gallery.

Professor Sean Nixon, Director of the Integrated Arts Department, and an organizer of the event said that the main goal of the exhibition was to educate other artists and the public about computer technology.

The exhibition features twenty artists from fourteen states who have made some use of computers and digital technology in their work. The

works on display include digital images on photo paper, inkjet prints on cotton and canvas, sublimation prints on paper, digitized charcoal drawings and paintings. An interesting part of the exhibition is an interactive game called "the metaField Maze," created by Ron McNeil, an MIT graduate and a researcher. The exhibit illustrates a harmonious balance of scale, technology and computer-mediated activity.

Another exhibit held by Deena des Rioux, shows how prints and paintings have been incorporated with visual references to robotics and computer hardware images.

The jurors of the show are Ben Ortiz, Curator of the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport; Bruce Wands, Chairperson of the MFA Computer Art

at the School of Visual Arts, New York, and Pattie Belle Hastings, an artist from New Haven.

Professor Nixon said that in the early 1990s, virtually no art galleries would show artwork if it had any digital components in it. However, as computer software became more sophisticated, galleries and artists came to realize that the computer was just another tool, like a paintbrush that could be used in subtle and imaginative ways.

In order to get people more interested in the role of computers in art, Professor Nixon is organizing a panel discussion at the University Gallery, which will be open to the public on April 27, 2000, from 7 - 9p.m.

Theater class performs Shakespeare

BY ANDREA KOEHLER
On Monday, April 24, in the Merten's Theatre in the Andrew Bernhardt Center, at 7:30 pm, Professor Ron Destro's acting class put on a play. It was a thumbnail version of William Shakespeare's, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." A thumbnail is a low budget version of a regular production. The play was done plainly, with no scenery, basic black and white costumes, and few props. The cast was comprised of

10 students, with especially lively performances from Jack Ndombi as Lysander and Beylul Solomon as his love Hermia. They performed in front of an audience of almost fifty people.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies. It focuses on the mishaps of four young lovers - Lysander, Hermia, Helena and Demetrius. Demetrius and Lysander are both in love with Hermia, who loves

Lysander, but Helena loves Demetrius. Lysander and Hermia run off, and the other two follow, and everything gets turned around by a mischievous faerie named Puck with some magic love drops. While this is going on, Oberon and Titania, the King and Queen of the faeries, are fighting, and Oberon used the love drops to make Titania fall in love with Bottom, a weaver who is turned into a Jackass (the animal.) The story gets more confusing from there.

Review: Phantom of the Opera

BY JOHN E. MUSSER AND GEETHA THARMARATNAM
For all you young men trying to impress a woman with your distinct cultural refinement, we are pleased to tell you that The Phantom of the Opera, playing on Broadway in New York, will do the trick without driving you to suicidal boredom.

It's not a secret that we make it a point to stay at least thirteen miles away from anything with the word "opera" in it, but let us assure you that this one only has one fat woman singing, and they push her to the side near the very beginning.

Currently starring in the show is Howard McGillin as the Phantom, Sarah Pristerer as Christine Daae, and Gary Mauer as Raoul. All of the players did an excellent job in bringing this tale to life. As a connoisseur of fine women, John must find that Sarah Pristerer really kept his interest throughout the performance.

The first showing of The Phantom of the Opera, in London in 1986, starred Michael Crawford as the Phantom and Sarah Brightman as Christine. Crawford has since moved on and Brightman was last heard singing with Bocelli.

Based on the novel by Gaston Leroux, The Phantom of the Opera tells the story of a disfigured man who lives in the basement of the Paris Opera House. He becomes obsessed with a young singer named Christine and takes it upon himself to further her career, even if he has to murder others to do so.

Christine is entranced by her "angel

of music" at first, but after he kidnaps her and her curiosity drives her to reveal his true face, he is shattered and knows that he can no longer let her be. She then manages to escape but she is now desperate to leave the clutches of the Phantom.

Her love for Raoul complicates matters now that the Phantom wants her

neck in a noose and the Phantom holding the other end. Christine manages to overcome her revulsion of the Phantom and kisses him as she realizes what a pathetic creature he is, a victim of a society who could not see past the hideous face to the genius beneath it.

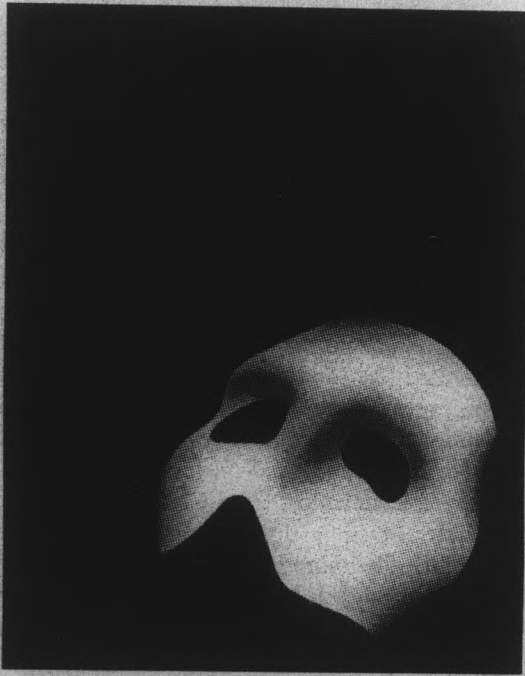
The two lovers are let free by the Phantom and he escapes.

The set design is magnificent and the most amazing thing is the flying chandelier. There are scenes where the Phantom goes to his lair underground by a boat that glides on a stage amongst candelabras that pop up all over the place.

The musical is made complete by the inclusion of sex, violence, and rock and roll. Well, maybe not rock and roll. The score by Andrew Lloyd Webber with Charles Hart's lyrics combine in songs that have since become traditional, and the renditions of "All I ask of you" between Christine, Raoul, and the Phantom combine the complicity of a three-some intermingled with a dash of obsession and maniacal stalking.

For those interested, Phantom continues to play at Majestic Theatre, 247 West 44th Street at 8PM Monday through Saturday, and a 2PM matinee on Wednesday and Saturday. Ticket prices vary depending on the day and seat location, but student discounts make the entertainment affordable.

You probably won't want a front row seat, however, as you will be paying a lot of extra money just to risk having a flying chandelier hit you in the back of the head.



for himself, especially as she is the only one who knows the hideous man behind the mask. Raoul meanwhile wants to capture this mysterious figure who holds up the directors for ransom, demanding a salary for the use of "his opera house."

Christine is forced into helping to trap the Phantom, and this eventually leads to a dramatic ending with Raoul's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 27:

3:30PM, Softball vs. U. of New Haven, Seaside Park

6:30PM,

International Poetry Reading,

ABC Gallery

8PM-Midnight, Rock & Bowl

9PM, Movie Night: "The Green Mile,"

Student Center

Friday, April 28:

Twisted Lounge Open,

Student Center Basement

20 Keg Party, Fairfield, free beer and food all night long, call 203-

333-614 for details

Saturday, April 29:

12noon, Baseball vs. U. New Haven, Harboryard

Sunday, April 30:

9PM, Movie Night: "The Green Mile," Student Center

Thursday, May 4:

9PM, Last performance of SoulBeat, see ad on page 6 for details

Saturday, May 5:

9PM-2AM, Wisterian Ball, Student Center Social Room

Sunday, May 14:

Commencement Ceremonies

Classifieds

Campus Security Log



04/08/00 - 04/21/00

SECURITY WARNING

THERE HAVE BEEN CALLS MADE TO STUDENTS FROM SUPPOSED BANK REPRESENTATIVES NEEDING THE STUDENTS' DEBIT CARD NUMBERS AND PIN NUMBERS. ONE STUDENT WHO GAVE THE INFORMATION LOST \$2,000 FROM HIS ACCOUNT. DO NOT RELEASE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE. BE WARY OF SCAMS!

FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

8 Alarms

OTHER INCIDENTS

DATE LOCATION

REPORT

04/13/00 Breul Hall

A student accidentally put his hand through the front door

04/17/00 Waldemere Hall

Paintings were stolen.

04/18/00 Bodine Hall

A cell phone, credit card and checkbook were stolen out of a student's briefcase.

04/18/00 Engineering Tech

A candy bar and a laser pointer were stolen from an office.

04/20/00 Warner Hall

An object was broken off in the lock of a student's room, making it unusable.

04/21/00 Barnum Hall

Electrical fire in clothes dryer socket. Machine has been fixed.

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to get freshman Fatima Carvey(1-3) home.

On April 19 the softball team traveled to Teikyo Post to complete their conference required second game.

Earlier in the season half an inning short of an official game with the UB ladies leading six to nothing and Ward working on a no-hitter, the game was called because of players' complaints about the light. The UB ladies came out ready to play in the rescheduled game.

Ward continued her dominance over the Teikyo batters with twelve strikeouts in the game.

Hibbard, in the top of the second, hit a double to drive in senior co-captain Sarah Harrison and freshman Jennifer Miles(1-2), who took one for the team to get on.

In the top of the third Harrison, who went two for three in the game, hit a single to center to drive in Steen who went three for four with three doubles in the game.

The scoring for UB was completed in the fifth inning when Hicks, who went three for four in the game with two doubles, drove in Steen for the fourth run. Hicks herself scored later in the inning on an error by the third baseman after senior Jaclyn Platt had successfully sacrificed her to third. The game ended with UB on top five to three extending their then winning streak to three.

Harrison returned to play against Queens' College, although in a new position. For the first time in her career she fielded at second base and was errorless in the three games that she played there. Tuesday's game versus NYIT saw her return to her more familiar role behind the plate and despite the fact the games resulted in disappointing losses she had a good

day behind the plate cutting a NYIT run down at the plate. She also has returned not having lost a step in her batting going four-for-twelve at the plate with three walks two runs batted in and one run scored since her return. She currently has a batting average of .357.

Last week Steen was named the NECC pitcher of the week. She won two games and did not allow an earned run. She allowed just four hits and one walk in her fourteen innings work while striking out seven. Steen in twelfth in the NECC with a batting average .319. She is second in the conference in triples with five. She is sixth with an ERA of 2.03.

Rossiter is fourth in the NECC with twenty runs scored. She is sixth in the conference with six doubles. She leads the conference with six homeruns and is third with twenty-two runs batted in.

Hibbard is eighth in the NECC with seventeen runs scored and sixth in the conference with seven stolen bases.

Hicks is tied with Rossiter for sixth in the conference with six doubles. Ward is ninth in the conference with fourteen runs batted in. She leads the NECC with seventy-eight strikeouts. Averaging nearly six a game.

Platt is sevenths in the NECC with six stolen bases. Both she and Hibbard have yet to be picked off while stealing this season.

The team has battled through what could have been a disastrous season when they lost Harrison barely into spring training. The team has held together and battled to what has turned out to be a very positive season.

Head Coach Andrea Costa and assistant Liz Alling have taken the first big step in turning the program around and returning the team to the success in had in the late eighties. Best of luck with the rest of the season ladies!

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PM. The object sighted in this case was a yellowish-red ellipsoid that was approximately 150 feet long and 30 feet thick at an altitude of about 5,000 feet.

The sighting was reported by an USAF captain with a pilot rating and 500 hours of combat to his credit and was also seen by at least five other people through binoculars, the windowpane, and the naked eye. Mr. Cashman said that a case like this was difficult to discount because multiple witnesses with airforce experience saw it.

He also said that the methods used to verify the validity of these sightings are not perfect, but have helped to filter out the real cases from false reports.

One of the cases he talked about took place in Middlebury, CT on 19 April, 1998 at 9:30 PM. The witness in this case was driving from Meriden to Middletown when he drove past the Mount Higby Reservoir in Middlefield. The witness was traveling in a car when the object was observed hovering over the water.

There were three bluish white lights in a triangular formation that were as bright as baseball stadium lights. The lights did not illuminate the trees even

though it was above the trees. The case has been considered to be genuine since investigation done has not been able to prove otherwise. The air traffic control also confirmed that there were no airplanes flying over that area at that time of the night.

Mr. Cashman spoke of his own personal encounter with a UFO in August 1997.

Asked if these sightings could be some kind of mirage like effect, Mr. Cashman said that possibility has been looked at and eliminated because mirages can never attain such high altitudes and are not strong enough to look like UFOs.

In conclusion, Mr. Cashman said that UFO investigation has helped to reduce the number of false UFO sightings, though a lot still remains to be done because of the multitude of cases still to be looked into.

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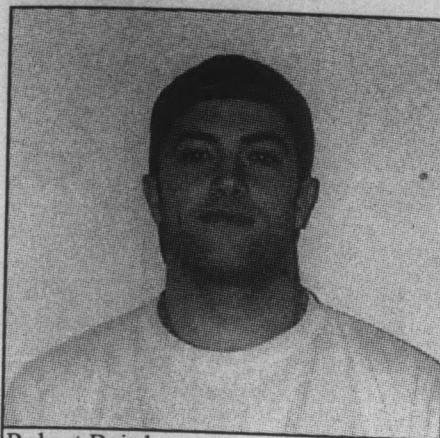
run in the New Hampshire game.

Adams also picked up the win on Thursday, a 10-6 victory over Southern Connecticut. He homered again to raise his team-leading total to seven. His .430 average, 10 doubles, and 26 RBI's also lead the team. Warren Meidrich has raised his average to .308, with four homers and 18 RBI's, and Kevin Huber is up to .296, with three homers and 11 RBI's.

Matt Donohue has also improved his offensive output, with a .282 average, six doubles, and 21 RBI's. Nilvio Perez leads the team with 17 stolen bases. Vitti has been a defensive stand-out at first base, with a .984 fielding average and 227 putouts. He also leads the team in innings played with 256.

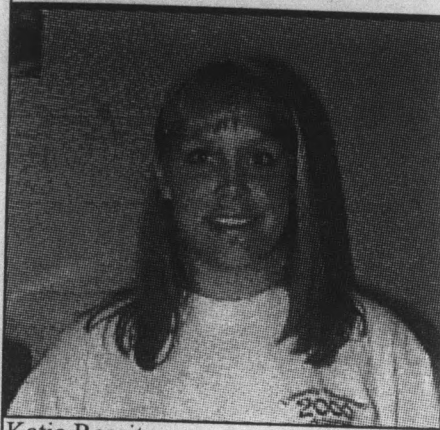
The pitching staff has remained steady throughout the year, sporting a 5.23 earned run average. Liacos has a 2.05 ERA in 26 innings pitched and has been flexible out of the bullpen. Huestis leads the team with three wins and 36 strikeouts, and the late season pitching of Adams has helped out immensely.

The Knights now have an 8-22 record, with a 4-5 conference record. With ten games remaining, the Knights are looking to finish strong.



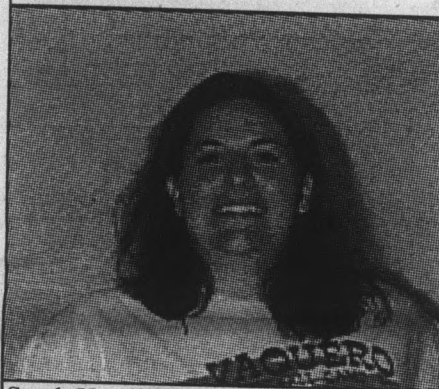
Robert Baird
Age: 24

Hometown: Stratford CT
Major: Music Performance
Rob played baseball his junior year at UB and ran cross-country his senior year.
In high school he was a member of the soccer and swimming teams for four years and, played golf and baseball for two years.
His proudest moment here at UB came this season at Teikyo Post when he finished first in the event.
His words of wisdom:
"Don eat Snickers right before races"



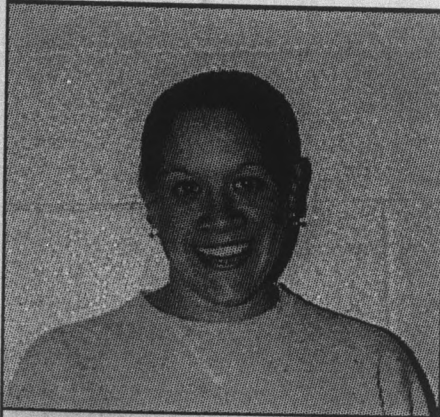
Katie Rossiter
Age: 23
Hometown: Redding CA
Major: Dental Hygiene

Katie played volleyball basketball, soccer and softball at UB.
She attended Enterprise HS where she played volleyball, soccer, softball and basketball. She played softball at Shasta College. Here at UB she is currently co-captain of the softball team. She leads the team, and is among the NECC leaders in all major batting categories. She has been playing softball since the age of five.
Her proudest moment here at UB was hitting her first homerun vs. Molloy college this season. A 210 footer.
Her words of wisdom:
"School should be your first priority"



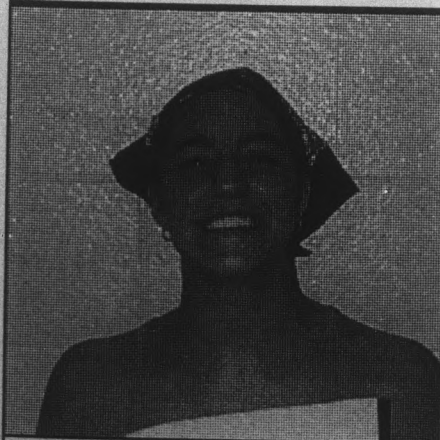
Sarah Harrison
Age: 21
Hometown: Fernley Nevada
Major: Human Services, minor: Psychology

Sarah played softball for both of her years here at UB. She also played volleyball and basketball. She played basketball, softball and volleyball in high school. She played softball in her junior college. She has been playing softball since age five. She is co-captain on this season's softball team.
Her proudest moment here at UB is this season's battle back from a torn ACL in her right knee to play in her senior year of college.
Her words of wisdom:
"Always play your hardest because you never know when your last game will be. Do it while you can"



Jaclyn Platt
Age: 20
Hometown: Thorofare NJ
Major: Dental Hygiene

Jaclyn has been a member of both the soccer and softball teams for her three years here at UB.
She attended Wes Deptford HS where she played softball and soccer. She is currently among the NECC leaders in stolen bases.
She has played softball since the age of six.
Her proudest sporting moment here at UB came as freshman member of the record-breaking soccer team that qualified for regionals with an 11-4-1 record.
Her words of wisdom:
"School comes before play: Play your heart out"



Amy Person
Age: 22

Hometown: Lincoln NE
Major: Elective Studies
Amy played volleyball for her one year here UB. She played as an outside hitter. She had eight kills and on defense sixty-one digs. She played volleyball, basketball, track and softball in high school. She has played volleyball since the tenth grade.
Her proudest moment here at UB was beating Southern Conn. State U in the last tournament of the season.
Her words of Wisdom:
"Andrea (Costa) will make you do some crazy drills"

Angela Marie Currie
Age: 21

Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Major: Mass Communications
Angela has been a leading gymnast for four year here at UB. She has had two trips to nationals. Tragically this season she was injured and unable to compete at the event. She led the team for most of the season as an excellent all around performer.

She has been participating in gymnastics since the age of three.
Her proudest moment here at UB was being awarded the ECAC award as Student-Athlete of the Year this year.
Her words of wisdom:
"Keep working hard throughout your college career so that you don't have any regrets after it's all over"

Athletes in their final year

at UB:

Men's and Women's Basketball

Kim Allen, Ron Chase, Marla Colburn, David Lemanczyk, Chris Schrade.

Women's Gymnastics:

Terri-Ann Bunchek,, Casi Clayton, Celina Gonzalez.

Women's Volleyball:

Emily Onyango

Men's and Women's soccer:

Fredy Duque, Marina Franzoni, Jennifer Gomez, Simon Kay, Cara Kupperman, Jennifer Lidstrom, Alex Pino, Jen Svelnys.

Baseball:

Chris Adams, Kevin Huber, Warren Meldrich.

The Scribe would like to congratulate all the graduating athletes and to wish them the best of luck in all future endeavors.

New recruit for ladies basketball

BY MIKE MCCARTHY JR.
WITH RYAN VICINO

Changes are on the rise for next year's women's basketball team. There are high hopes that next season will have the mixture of talent and experience with the recent signing of incoming 18 year old freshman, point guard, Christal Murphy.

This 5-foot-9 lady led her team to their third Division I championship in the last four years and a 25-0 record, at Minnechaug Regional High School.

This amazing accomplishment has earned Murphy a full athletic scholarship to the University, where she will pursue a five-year major in elementary education.

Murphy's overall record throughout her four years of high school will impress just about anyone. As a four-year starter, playing both the forward and guard positions, Murphy led her team to the overall record of 91-8.

What makes Murphy, Murphy? She is simply known for energizing the team with her all out hustle and defensive force. Her stats paint a very vivid picture of her remarkable basketball ability. She averaged ten points, nine rebounds, and seven steals last season.

Here's the catch. Murphy is only one of the few players who will play on the court next season.

She will accompany returning players freshman Fatima Carvey and Ryan Vicino, sophomores Hiroko Uchihori, Tanisha Hubbard, Schamone Beall, and Royalty Weldon.

Which one of these athletes will light up the court next season? Come support the team next season and maybe you will find out!

The Sports Desk would like to acknowledge Carolyn Jennings and Marketta S Pettway in the sports office for their considerable assistance with the sports page during the course of the year. The assistance of all members of the athletics office and accommodation of the coaches was deeply appreciated.

-The page would not have survived without your help.

The desk extends their sincerest gratitude to all of those who helped us through this year. - Thank You



Soccer action during the April 12th game at Fairfield U. The team went down 1-4



Purple Knights' Sports



Women's Softball something to shout about

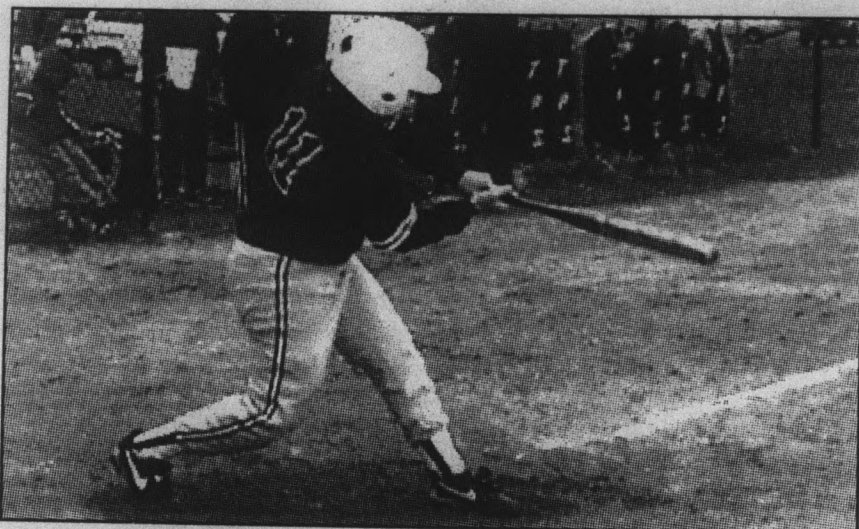
BY TRINITY BELGRAVE
Since April 13, our ladies have gone 4-3. The team is now 12-19 overall and have battled back to be 5-5 in the NECC.

Their most recent losses, to the number four team in the region, the New York Institute of Technology were two disappointing games on April 25. The team lost with scores of 0-8 and 0-9. They managed only five hits in the two games, their bats falling dormant for the first time in two weeks after a five day break because of inclement weather.

In the first game of the doubleheader against, regionally ranked, Queens College April 13 junior Valerie Steen pitched a one-hit complete game shut out and hit a home run. Senior Co-captain Katie Rossiter also hit one over the fence in the game. These two shots were the eventual margin of victory in the first game as Steen dominated the Queens' bats.

In the second game the bottom of the first inning proved to be the difference in the game as the ladies from

Queens came out swinging scoring three runs in the inning. With the first inning behind them the team settled down to play a highly competitive game. They however, eventually lost the game four to six.



Senior co-captain Sarah Harrison, here batting against NYIT on April 25, is back from injury and playing well

The Saturday after they traveled up to New Hampshire College for a pair of conference games.

On what turned out to be one of the more pleasant game days this season in the bright New Hampshire sun Steen pitched a three hit one run complete game victory as our ladies scored six runs. Rossiter was two-for-two with two runs scored and a run batted in.

Sophomore Courtney Hibbard went two-for-three with a run scored and a run batted in. Junior Sara Ward successfully executed a suicide squeeze to have an RBI in the game. Junior Rebecca Hicks went one-for four with a run batted in as did Steen in what was an excellent game for the UB bats.

The second game on the day was a closer affair. Ward was in the circle and on her game, struck out nine and, pitched brilliantly in two bases loaded situations one in the bottom of the seventh inning to have the complete game shut out.

The runs did not come as frequently in this game but when they had to the ladies

rose to the occasion. They scored one each in the sixth and seventh inning. Hicks, who went two for three in the game, had a two base hit to drive Steen(1-3) in in the top of the sixth and, in the top of the seventh Rossiter successfully executed the third suicide squeeze play on the day, her second,

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Baseball team sweeps doubleheader

BY ROB "HIPS" BAIRD
The baseball team completed a sweep of a doubleheader on Monday, with a 3-2 come from behind win over Binghamton, and a 14-7 pounding of Teikyo Post. The Binghamton game was featured on Cablevision 12 and featured late inning drama at Harbor Yard.

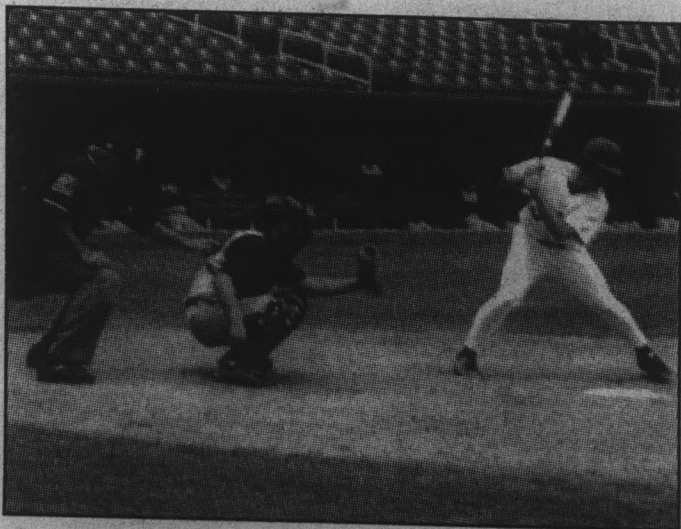
Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the seventh, Kevin Huber started off the rally with a line-drive single. With one out, Matt Donohue was hit by a pitch, and Warren Meidrieck came through with a single to load the bases. Adam Bajko then smacked a pitch down the first base line, which was cut down by the Binghamton first baseman, who touched first for the out. Huber scored, but the phenomenal defensive play stopped Bajko from clearing the bases.

With two outs and runners on second and third,

Anthony Vitti was hit by a pitch to fill the bases again. Adam Taraska then popped

finished the game for his first collegiate win.

The second game



Senior Chris Adams at the plate vs SCSU April 20. He leads the team with a batting average of .430

a pitch behind second base, which was booted by the shortstop, allowing Donohue to score the tying run. Justin Bandura then singled to bring home the winning run, capping an improbable comeback. Bobby Cote came on in the fourth and

was a slugfest, with the Knights holding off Teikyo Post to earn James Huestis his third win of the year. Huestis pitched into the eighth, and Mike Liacos came on in relief to finish the game. Vitti hit his first career home run over the

right-field wall, and Bajko had three hits and four RBI's to lead U.B. Chris Adams had three hits and three RBI's, and Meidrieck had four hits and two RBI's for the Knights. The game wasn't even as close as the final indicated, with U.B. up 14-3 before Post scrapped for four late runs.

U.B. coach Matt Reed commented on his team's improved play, "We have come up with timely hitting and our defense is much improved. We should be in every game from here on out". In fact, the team has won three out of its last four games, and four out of six. They picked up their first conference win on Saturday, 13 April, against New Hampshire College, with a 14-1 drubbing. Chris Adams pitched a complete game, striking out 11, and hitting a homerun. Meidrieck also drilled a home-

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Scoreboard

Softball

Date	Result	Opponent	Record
4-13-00	W, 2-0	@ Queens College	9-16
4-13-00	I, 4-6	@ Queens College	9-17
4-15-00		@ New Hampshire College*	
W, 6-1			10-17
4-15-00		@ New Hampshire College	
W, 2-0			11-17
4-19-00		@ Teikyo Post University*	
W, 5-3			12-17
4-25-00	L, 0-8	vs. New York Tech	12-18
4-25-00	L, 0-9	vs. New York Tech	12-19

****Next Home Game: University of New Haven 3:30pm Seaside Park TODAY!!**

Baseball

Date	Result	Opponent	Record
4-13-00	L, 6-21	@ Adelphi U	4-19
4-15-00	L, 2-4	@ New Hampshire College	4-20
4-15-00	W, 14-1	@ New Hampshire College	5-20
4-19-00	L, 4-6	@ Central Connecticut	5-21
4-20-00	W, 10-6	vs. Southern Conn.	6-21
4-20-00	L, 2-3	vs. Southern Conn.	6-22
4-24-00	W, 3-2	vs. Binghamton U	7-22
4-24-00	W, 14-7	vs. TPU	8-22
4-25-00	L, 4-2	@ Bentley College	8-23

****Next Home game: University of New Haven 12:00pm Harbor Yard Sat April 29**